

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (12 August 2018)  
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for the church, our Holy Father—Pope Francis, our bishop and our pastors; for the grace to acknowledge the Bread of Life as the unifying center of our lives; and for courage to be bread for the world ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for citizens and elected leaders alike; for steadfast resolve to keep up the work of peace; for peace founded in respectful dialogue and compromise — in our homes, in our cities, and in our world ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for those filled with bitterness, who struggle to be free of anger and resentment, for grace to forgive ourselves and others; for openness to the Spirit who helps us live as God’s beloved children ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for all who hunger for physical food; for those who hunger for justice, who strive to find ways to feed the hungry of our world, and ensure that all humanity has enough to live in dignity ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for students and educators who begin a new academic year, for their parents and families who send them forth with big dreams; and for institutions of learning that foster the pursuit of knowledge and truth ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for our relatives and friends who are sick; for those who struggle with depression, anxiety, and addiction; for their loved ones who care for them; and for all who have asked for our prayers; we pray also for  
Gertrude Hughes; Msgr. Andrew Cassin; Judy Boyd; Deirdre Kennedy;  
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... we implore God’s mercy for healing and comfort ... we pray to the Lord.
7. We pray for our loved ones who have died; for those they leave behind who mourn; and for those preparing for their passage into eternal life; we pray especially for  
Bonnie Kerber—grandmother of Crystal Drumheller and Marsha Rodriguez;  
deceased members of the Roseck family; Ken Kramer;  
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... we trust that God will receive them home to himself ... we pray to the Lord.